MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It cannot be done all on a sudden. Of course, arrears are being collected every year.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether the arrears that fell due before the Official President took charge are still outstanding?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Almost all the old arrears have been collected.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know how a distinction is made between an Official President and a Non-Official President in the collection of arrears?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): There were very little arrears at the time of the Official President.

SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VLU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): May I know whether the Government are aware that the last Municipal Conference demanded the appointment of a Non-official President for the Attingal Municipality?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): May I ask whether there are competent non-officials to fill the place of President of the Attingal Municipality?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Government have not enquired into it.

SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): Will they be pleased to enquire?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, after the present period of one year is over.

Sub-Registrars.

7. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many Sub-Registrars there are in the Registration Department;

(*b*) when Mr. E. I. Mathew, the present Registration Director, took charge of his duties;

(*c*) from the date the present Director assumed charge up to the end of Edavam 1110, how many Sub-Registrars have taken leave:

(*d*) whether the Government are aware that the Sub-Registrars who have taken leave have done so, due to the wanton persecution of the present Director of Registration;

(*e*) whether the Government are aware that the first act that the Director does, when he inspects any Sub-Registry Office, is questioning and ascertaining the caste of the Sub-Registrar of the Office and

(*f*) whether the Government are aware that the Director, when he inspects the Sub-Registry Offices, openly insults and chastises the Sub-Registrars?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :
(*a*) 76 permanent and 3 temporary.
(*b*) 11th Kumbham 1110 afternoon.
(*c*) 30.

(*d*) to (*f*). Government have no information on those points The Director reports that 6 of the Sub-Registrars are on leave on the ground of illness and that the leave applied for by and granted to others synchronises with the school vacation.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : With reference to part (*b*), may I know the reason for 50 per cent. of the Sub-Registrars taking leave after the present Director took charge?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The answer is there :—" The Director reports that six of the Sub-Registrars are on leave on the ground of illness and that the leave applied for by, and granted to, others synchronises with the school vacation."

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether Sub-Registrars are attending schools ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Their children were attending schools, and naturally the fathers wanted to be with their children at home ; so they might have applied for leave and it might have been granted.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether Sub-Begistrars alone have got children and other officers have no children ? (*Laughter.*) About 50 per cent. of the Sub-Registrars have gone out on leave. The answer appears to be not reasonable and convincing.

PRESIDENT : Take those reasons for what they are worth.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether 50 per cent of the Sub-Registrars have gone out on leave before the present Director took charge ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether it is not a waste of money to Governmant to appoint additional hands ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Of course, substitutes have to be appointed when permanent men go on leave. In unavoidable circumstances only will leave be granted.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether Government have enquired into the loss on account of 50 per cent. of the Sub-Registrars going on leave ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government have not enquired.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether it is not essential in the interests of public expenditure that an enquiry should be held ?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : In matters of this kind some discretion must be given to the Head of the Department.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether there is any other department where 50 per cent. of the officers have gone out on leave ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It has not been investigated. There might be.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the Sub-Registrars who have gone out on leave have done so on account of the persecution of the present Director ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government have no information on that point.

PRESIDENT : You have got yet another question on the same matter. If you exhaust yourself on this, you may not be able to put supplementary questions on the next one.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Were not the Sub.Registrars entitled to the leave and was it not the duty of the Department to grant the leave ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

Director of Registration.

8. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that the present Director of Registration wantonly persecutes his subordinates ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that very many Sub-Registrars have taken leave on account of the threatening attitude of the present Director ;

(*c*) whether they are aware that the Director trumps up false and flimsy charges against many Sub-Registrars ; and

(*d*) whether they are aware that the acts and actions of the present Registration Director are mainly the results of personal prejudice and communal jealousy ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) (*a*) to (*d*). Government have no information.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to part (*b*) of the question, may I know the reason for 50 per cent of the Sub-Registrars taking leave ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That question has already been answered.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : I want to know whether it was due to presecution on the part of the present Director.

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